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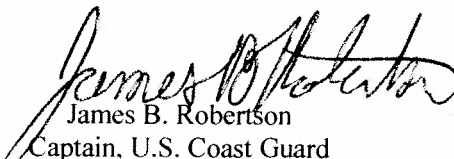
Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104-6 (Rev.7) and the Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre for the Gulf of Guinea

The intent of this ACTIVITIES EUROPE advisory is to bring to your attention the recently updated and released Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104-6 (Rev.7) and announce the opening of the Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre for the Gulf of Guinea.

The Maritime Security (MARSEC) Directive 104-6 (Rev.7) was recently updated and provides the latest in general security related guidelines for U.S. vessels operating in High Risk Waters (HRW) where acts of terrorism, piracy, and armed robbery against ships are prevalent. To report suspicious activity, Breach of Security (BOS) or Transportation Security Incident (TSI), Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 101.305 requires notification, without delay, to the National Response Center (NRC). We ask that in addition to contacting the NRC to please notify the U.S.C.G. Activities Europe Duty Officer at +31 (0) 61-297-9335 as soon as possible.

In an effort to combat piracy in the Gulf of Guinea, the Maritime Trade Information Sharing Centre for the Gulf of Guinea (MTISC-GoG) stood-up operations in May 2014 and is manned 24hrs a day to receive situation reports from all vessels transiting and operating in the Gulf of Guinea. The information collected by the MTISC-GoG will consist of reports from other commercial vessels, satellite AIS, and radar satellite to produce a consolidated maritime domain picture which will be shared with other local or regional agencies, such as those involved in combating arms, drugs and people trafficking and IUU fishing activities. The MTISC-GoG is manned by both personnel from Navies in the region and the shipping industry.

ACTIVITIES EUROPE strongly recommends that all U.S. vessels operating or transiting through High Risk Waters (HRW) participate in this initiative and submit vessel specific information to the MTISC-GoG using the enclosed forms and contact information. The information provided will be invaluable in improving the maritime security situation in the Gulf of Guinea. For additional information on the MTISC-GoG, please visit their website at www.mtisc-gog.org. For clarification regarding this Marine Safety Information Bulletin, please send your questions or comments to LCDR James B. Suffern at james.b.suffern@uscg.mil or call +31 (0) 65-394-0969.


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Enclosure 1

MTISC GoG STANDARDIZED REPORTING FORMATS

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Initial Report

(To be submitted upon entering the VRA to register with MTISC-GoG)

MTISC-GoG Initial Report		
1	Ship name	
2	Flag	
3	IMO Number	
4	INMARSAT Telephone Number	
5	MMSI	
6	Time of report in UTC	
7	Ship position	
8	Course	
9	Passage speed	
10	Freeboard	
11	Cargo	
12	Destination and Estimated Time of Arrival	
13	Name and contact details of Company Security Officer	
14	Nationality of Master and Crew	
15	Armed / unarmed security team embarked?	

Daily Report

at 0800 UTC

(All reports should be in UTC)

MTISC-GoG Daily Report		
1	Ship name	
2	Ship call sign & IMO Number	
3	Time of report in UTC	
4	Ship Position	
5	Ship Course and Speed	
6	Sightings of Illegal Unlawful Unregulated (IUU) fishing or other assessed illegal activity. Time, position, brief description of craft and activity witnessed.	

Final Report

(Upon departure from the VRA)

MTISC-GoG Final Report		
1	Ship name	
2	Ship call sign & IMO Number	
3	Time of report in UTC	
4	Port or position when leaving the GoG VRA	